Pharmaceutical 1J|ii dust flies in Orissa

1734. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pharmaceutical industries set up in the country during 1984 and till the end of June, 1985;

(b) the number of such industries set up in Orissa; and

(c) the number of ssuch indutries proposed to be set up in the country by the end of year 1986?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) To the extent details are available, there are 253 units (as on 31st December, 1983) in the organised sector registered with DGTD for the manufacture of drugs and pharmaceuticals. Number of units set up during 1984 an dupto June 1985 and State-wise break-up of these units is not available. To the extent information is available, the only organised sector unit in Orissa, Orissa Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. "(O.D.P.L.), a joint venture unit of IDPL. OPDL is engaged in the manufacture of formulations.

(c> Application for industrial approvals for the manufacture of drugs and pharmaceuticals will be examined on merits, as and when received.

Relaxation of age limit in the case of Junior Checkers

1735. DR. BAPU KALDATE;
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Overseas Communications Service Union regarding relaxation of age to Junior Checkers for appointment to the posts of Junior Technical Assistant in Ofverseas[1] Communications Service;

(b) whether any "discussions were held between the Secretary of the Ministry and the officials of the Union;

(c) whether the D.G. of O.C.S. had, by his letter No. 48|2|77|-EST dated 19-11-1977, directed all tranches to implementation the relaxation of upper age limit for all departmental candidates; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for non-implementation of these orders in the case of "Junior Checkers" in the O.C.S. (Bombay-Branch)?

THE MINISTER' OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The Director General of O.C.S. had, vide his letter No. 48|2|77-EST dated 19-11-77, allowed the age concession in respect of the post of Junior Technical Assistant, for the departmental employees holding the posts of Junior Mechanical Assist ant and Draftsman only *(and not for all departmental candidates).

(d) The Junior Checkers in O.C.3. are not in the same line or allied cadre in respect of the post of Junior Technical Assistant and have there fore, not been included in the cate gories of departmental employees eligible for age concession for that post—the'post of Junior Checker is essentially a traffic post while that of Junior Technical Assistant is cate gorised under the 'engineering' side.

Production/import of crude oil

1736. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA; Will the Minister of PET. ROL.EUM be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of crude oil produced in the country during the last two years ending March, 1985;

(b) the total quantity of oil imported during the period to supplement the indigenous production;

(c) the total quantity of oil likely to be imported during the year ending March, 1986;

(d) whether Government are taking any positive steps for increasing indigenous production to save valuable foreign exchange; and

(e) if so, the details thereof-?